

REMARKS

Claims 18-22 were pending in the application. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants have amended the specification to correct the priority information. Thus, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 18-22 are pending in the application.

No new matter has been added. Applicants request that the amendments to the claims be entered. The foregoing claim cancellations should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and were made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Rejection of Claims 18-22 Under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

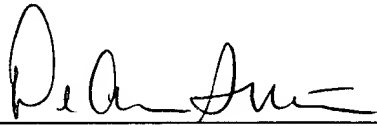
The Examiner has rejected claims 18-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,136,954.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (c), accompanied by the appropriate fee of \$110.00 each, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 18-22 be reconsidered and withdrawn. The filing of this terminal disclaimer should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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